

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 of page 25 as follows:

As indicated previously, the light attenuating compound can be attached to the polymer binder backbone or to a functional group or linkage unit which is, in turn, attached to the polymer backbone. In another embodiment, at least one of R₁ and R₂ of the above-described light attenuating compounds is attached to a polymer binder (either directly to the backbone or via a linkage unit). Structures E and F below illustrate these attachments. In structure E, a 365 nm dienyl dye having an amino electron-donating group is bonded to a polymer binder via a hydroxypropyl linking group. The dye is attached by a carboxylic ester electron-withdrawing group. In structure F, the amino electron-donating group is functionalized with two hydroxyethyl substituents which are reacted with a diisocyanate to form a polyurethane backbone.